Remarks

Claims 1-37 were previously pending. Claims 1-25 have been canceled without prejudice, and claims 26-37 have been amended. Further, claims 38-55 have been added. Accordingly, claims 26-55 remain pending.

In the Office Action of August 22, 2003 it was indicated that claims 29, 30 and 37 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including the limitations of the previous base claim 25. As suggested, each of claims 29, 30 and 37 have been amended to substantially include the limitations of base claim 25, and thus independent claims 29, 30 and 37 are now in condition for allowance. Further, all of claims 26-28, 31-36 and 38-55 each properly depend from one of the aforementioned allowable independent claims, and hence are also in condition for allowance for at least this reason.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, Applicants submit that all claims now pending in this Application are in condition for allowance. Therefore, an early Office Action to that effect is earnestly solicited. If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would aid in the prosecution of this case in any way, please call the undersigned at 303-607-3500.

The $950.00 fee for the petition for a three month extension and the $180.00 fee for the Information Disclosure Statement are included in the credit card form PTO-2038. Please charge any additional fees required or credit any overpayments for this Amendment to Deposit Account 06-0029.

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